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# Family Wellness Retreat 2011

Sanford LittleEagle  
Staff Writer

On August 10-12, 2011 the Ho-Chunk Nation's Child & Family Services and Community Supportive Services sponsored the 8th Annual Family Wellness Retreat at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Convention Center. This year's Retreat was set to help families focus on skills and resources available within the Ho-Chunk Nation and in their local communities.

Registration for this year's event was at full capacity weeks before it was set to take place. Families utilizing CFS were invited first. Registration then opened to tribal membership and their families; to employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation, with registration numbers reaching just under 400 in attendance.

Vice-President, Greg "Bubba" Blackdeer, served as this year's emcee to help keep the show moving and to help those in attendance what was going to take place next. Ho-Chunk Station sang the Welcome Song as the Sanford WhiteEagle Legion Post 556 Veterans & Auxiliary brought in their Eagle Staff and the Colors, followed by the Flag Song. Invocation was given by Wayne Falcon. Ho-Chunk

Nation President Mašuska Jon Greendeer, welcomed everyone and spoke at the opening ceremony. He emphasized that "this conference was very important and that it is one of many attempts to address Family Wellness and overall, our emotional and mental well being."

For those who did not know President Greendeer before he became President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Greendeer shared a time in his life where his own personal struggles with his obesity, feelings, and outlook were different. In 2008, Greendeer weighed 367 pounds. Of course he could have taken "magic pills" or gone as far as surgery, but he realized it had to begin with a decision. That decision was to "First, lose enough weight to get on a scale," he said. Greendeer chose to lose weight by maintaining portion control, diet, and exercise. He began the program very slow and learned about food, watched what he ate, and did a little exercise. Since then, Greendeer has lost over 140 pounds. "I enjoy every minute with my family" and by continuing his new healthy lifestyle he plans on being there for a long time in good health.

Family support was one of Greendeer's biggest help lines along his "unique

journey" he said. Not only did he have the support needed, but it also helped adjust his attitude and the shaping the rest of his life in the differences it made in his self esteem, drive and overall good feelings. "Nobody's going to tell you what to eat or to stop eating, it's up to you," said President Greendeer.

To those that are struggling with weight issues or the feeling of "I can't do it", the message shared by President Greendeer was great and very admirable; that he himself once struggled and he continues a regimen to maintain what he has worked for. It is hard but with a lot of hard work and dedication, you can do it too and "it's important to living a long life," he said. After speaking, Mašuska was presented him a beaded leather tobacco bag by Vice-President Blackdeer.

One of this year's Keynote Speakers was Dr. Alec Thundercloud, a Pediatrician and current Executive Director of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health. Vice President Blackdeer introduced Dr. Thundercloud as a runaway from the Ho-Chunk Nation for a while "but he came back." After Dr. Thundercloud said he was honored to be the keynote speaker he said, "Everyone

looks like they got cornflakes in their eyes so let's get our listening ear on [chuckle]."

While using a "Tool Box" metaphorically, Thundercloud described how "each of us are born as an empty toolbox but as we grow, we gather tools to begin filling the box." Some tools are given to us by our parents, some from friends, and some from strangers. He said, "All these experiences help us get another tool or skill to learn how to manage or cope with problems in our lives."

Dr. Thundercloud said we are continuously given tools in life. Emphasizing on successful parenting tools, he said, "We all need structure, routine, and organization in our lives." Parents need to help out with accountability, responsibility, and hard work to enforce the rules such as chores, discipline, respect, and knowing right from wrong.

Also mentioned was how children should be involved with extracurricular activities in school to learn team building skills and tools for personal growth enhancement. As parents, we need to continue to with positive healthy choices in life. Spend time with your children planning meals

together, communicate, and set clear expectations.

While many statements from Dr. Thundercloud were of basic key elements, some younger parents in attendance were really pleased with Dr. Thundercloud's information. One tribal member said, "That's what we need to start doing in our home. I am not going to allow the kids just to play the Wii all night anymore."

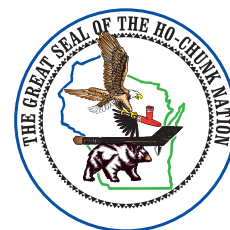
Dr. Thundercloud's message did not go unheard. Once there is structure in the



Dr. Alec Thundercloud

home, it will help develop positive reinforcement in our children and it will reflect in the home, at school, in the community, and for the tribe. Dr. Thundercloud stated, "The most expensive gift you can give your child is time," and in closing he said, "Remember love, you can't see it or touch it, but it will help with making positive choices in our lives."

Vice-President Blackdeer presented Dr. Thundercloud with a beaded medallion out of appreciation from the CFS staff for being the Keynote Speaker.



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# Greetings fellow tribal members

Submitted by Ho-Chunk Rep. Robert Twobears

As noted in the last newsletter, I intend to share news, information and comments on policy that representatives submit from time to time.

Dear Mr. TwoBears

Thank you for the letter and thoughtful comments regarding FR-05486-N-11, the notice of proposed information collected on the assessment of the Native American, Alaska native and native Hawaiian housing needs.

In this letter, we have reproduced your key comments and followed them with a response. I hope this will address your most pressing concerns.

**Comment:** I would argue that the sample size then and as proposed now for the upcoming assessment is inadequate. A sample of 40-60 tribes for a study regarding an overall population of 565+ federally recognized tribes may be statistically adequate, but I do not think this takes into account the vast difference that exist in reality between tribes...

**Response:** Unfortunately, our resources are insufficient

to sample larger number of tribes. The current study will include more households at each of the sampled sites and, thus, be more accurate and representative of all the tribes, but, rather of the general



Robert Twobears

living conditions of individual families. We hope to have at least 1,200 completed household surveys, which is a representative sample of AIAN people overall.

Sites will be selected via one integrated probability sample design to produce reliable national estimates. In brief, the design calls for proportional stratification by region and size of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN population). Within

each region, tribal areas will be selected with probability proportionate to size. The sample will be selected from the universe of AIAN tribal areas as identified and defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census as of 2010, consistent with applicable law.

The sample design will yield reliable measure of housing needs and conditions such as overcrowding, homelessness, adequacy of infrastructure (e.g., sanitation, electricity), types of financing available and used, and rent burden/cost, as well as information on factors likely to be associated with variations in these measures.

**Comment:** A secondary concern that I would like to express has to do with the use of outside consultants. Although likely unavoidable, using non-native outside consultants to conduct field interviews, especially with individual tribal members I believe, has the potential to degrade the information that is gathered...

**Response:** The research team will make every effort to recruit tribal interviewers within the designated tribal areas included in the sample. We understand that it is

important to show respect for tribal sovereignty in the research process, build tribal capacity for data collection, and ensure cultural competency in conducting the household survey. Suggestions for recruitment and approval for any hiring activities will be sought from each tribe. In addition, the research team will keep tribal contacts informed of all recruiting activities and regular updates will be provided.

**Comment:** Potential solution: Self assessment. If the goal of the upcoming assessment is to get an accurate picture of tribal housing needs, then there should be serious consideration of allowing tribes to participate in the study by self assessing with technical assistance from HUD. Their many tribal governments and tribal housing authorities that are perfectly capable and arguably better situated to assess what the needs are of those tribal members they serve.

**Response:** HUD is planning to do a web based survey of all tribes/TDHE as part of the study. The

web survey will be for tribes that were not included in the telephone or in-person versions of the tribal/TDHE surveys. In addition, any tribe not included in our random sample that would like to conduct the household survey in their area, should contact HUD about how best to proceed. If any tribe decides they would like to do this, we will help facilitate the process, though our resources are limited. This would be another way to contribute information to the assessment.

Again, we would like to thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts on this important study.

Sincerely,

Raphael W. Bostic, Ph.D.  
Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research

What are the next steps...? I would very much like to hear from the tribal people, their thoughts, perceptions, and moving forward to strengthening the housing programs.

Please contact me at the following:  
Robert.TwoBears@Ho-Chunk.com  
1.800.294.9343 ext 1214

Letter to the Editor:

## Questions for General Council

As we approach the upcoming general council of 2011 there are some questions on my mind.

1. If we are a sovereign Nation, according to our constitution who is the lawmaking branch of our government? BIA?
2. What is a resolution? Are resolutions considered laws and who is the lawmaking branch of this government according to our constitution?
3. Is the GCA the 4th branch of government or is the General Council?

4. What can the General Council do to see that there are a series of checks and balances within our system of government?
5. Do we need to establish the office of general council with specific goals and objectives?
6. Should the 100 dollar payout be part of the packet when we check in at general council? Wouldn't this be a safety measure so we don't have a mad rush for the door where someone might get injured?

7. If the GCA gets t-shirts shouldn't the general council members also receive t-shirts? After all the funding is for the general council, not the GCA.  
If we are truly a sovereign Nation the very first item for general council to consider should be to repeal the law that requires legislators to have a degree. After all in the Creator's eyes we are all created equal. A degree does not put any one person above another. We always start our gatherings with the flag song followed by veteran's songs.

This law doesn't consider those veterans equal to people with a college degree. Even though they risk their lives to uphold the constitution of the United States as well as the Constitution of the Hoocak Nation.  
If we feel that we are not properly informed through the year by the GCA shouldn't we go back to our respective areas and elect GCA representatives? Should we, as the General Council be given a financial report of the money spent by the GCA? Shouldn't we be informed of the wages being paid,

mileage, stipends, lodging and justifications for these expenditures?  
These are just a few of the things on my mind. I just feel that if we as a tribe are to expend this amount of money there should be clear goals and objectives.  
I was told once that the GCA was going into executive session, do they have that power? After all we the people are general council not the agency.  
Just some questions from an uneducated Hoocak veteran.

Richard Mann

## DOI Employee Guidance on Land Consolidation component of Cobell Settlement

Please consider the following a supplement to the guidance issued on Wednesday, June 1st regarding the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement.

Your office may begin receiving calls regarding the BIA's Indian Land Consolidation Program (ILCP) as the general public becomes aware that a recent Court Order allows the Department of Interior to discuss the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement.

The most appropriate response to any caller asking

about the program would be to direct the caller to the program's website: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/ILCA/index.htm>. The website includes information on program eligibility, contact information for the program's offices, and FAQs.

Further, the Court Order allows the Department to hold tribal consultations regarding the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement. The first consultation will be held in Billings, MT on July 15, 2011. Individuals may register for the consultation by sending an e-mail to

[RSVPJuly15Consultation@ios.doi.gov](mailto:RSVPJuly15Consultation@ios.doi.gov), though registration is not required. There will be up to five additional consultations with dates and locations to be determined. Individuals owning fractionated interests are invited to attend the consultations and/or submit written comments. Further information regarding the consultations can be found in the Federal Register and at [www.doi.gov/cobell](http://www.doi.gov/cobell).

All other inquiries regarding the Cobell Settlement should continue to be directed to the GCG Call Center at 1-800-961-6109

### TRIBAL ID CARDS

General Council - 2011

Office of Tribal Enrollment will be available at the Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center to make Tribal ID Cards starting:

**Friday, September 16, 2011**  
from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Saturday, September 17, 2011**  
from 7:00 AM and throughout the General Council day.

We are encouraging you to get your Tribal ID's made early to beat the rush at Registration time.

Duplicates: \$10  
1<sup>st</sup> time ID Recipients and 60 years + are free



# Childrens trust fund task force update

Submitted by  
CTF Taskforce

The Children’s Trust Fund Task Force was created in order to protect the assets owned by the Ho-Chunk Nation for the benefit of the Minors and Adult Incompetents. The original purpose of creating the CTF task force was because the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature found it necessary to update the older Minors Trust Agreement in order to update the terms and condition and evaluate current services for improvement on behalf of the Nation, its members and

families.

Throughout the past months members of the CTF task force have been attending Legislative Area Meetings to present on the changes that have been made and address any questions or concerns with regard to the changes to the revised Investment Policy Statement and Proposed Resolution on the Trust and Investment Establishment and Organization Act. The greatest concern and questions were regarding the other issues related to the CTF. Tribal members were interested in the status of

addressing incompetence, education, early access to funds for specific purposed and distributions of the money in the end. All of these issues involve input from both branches of government, therefore it was identified by the task force that it would be in the best interest of the Nation to continue with the taskforce and address these items.

Legislature restated original resolution 08-31-10C and it was approved by Legislature, restated resolution 07-19-11B, to include the outstanding items that tribal membership wants or needs to have addressed with regard to the CTF. The

Children’s Trust Fund Task Force had been authorized by Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority to continue to meet and broaden the discussion of topics including, but not limited to: incompetence code, disability code, education, enrollment (removals), distributions (staggered vs. lump sum), taxation, probate, early access to funds, early access abuses, social service impact, culture aspect, AODA issues, high school diploma, scholarships and lost children addresses.

The CTF task force will continue to research and work on all of these important issues. A list of priorities has been compiled and we would

like community input. A survey will be sent to all tribal members by mail, will also be available on our upcoming webpage, at area meetings, and at General Council. Come to our booth at General Council and receive a free gift for completing a survey! Tribal membership will be asked to pick the top 5 issues that are most important to them. The CTF task force will review and begin to address the top five one at a time and begin to make necessary changes in order to reform the issues at hand. Your input is crucial and important to the Children’s Trust Fund Task Force!

PLEASE JOIN US!

For the Diabetes Wellness Clinic Breakfasts!!

The 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the Month

At the House of Wellness  
Alberta Day Room

Are you looking for up-to-date information on pre-diabetes and diabetes management?

Would you enjoy a healthy breakfast prepared by our Registered Dietitian?

We are continuing our Diabetes Wellness Clinics in 2011!

Please join us for information and discussions on diabetes and concerns managing diabetes.

Call (608) 355-1240 ext 5502/ext 5509 to reserve your place in the Diabetes Wellness Clinic.

8:30-9:00 A.M. An educational presentation on a diabetes related topic will be provided along with breakfast!

Upcoming topics:

August 25th – Treatment Options for Type 2 Diabetes

September 8th – Choosing Wisely

September 22nd – Activity Planning

October 13th – Complications of Diabetes

Department of Administration  
Board of Directors  
Vacancies

The Department of Administration is currently seeking any individuals interested in filling the vacancies on the Department of Administration Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director, be involved in the Department’s strategic planning and consulted during the development of the Department’s annual goals and objectives.

Qualifications:

Board of Directors shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert advise and recommendations to the Executive Director, per 1 HCC § 2.

Interested individuals may submit their resume to Virginia Deford, Executive Administrative Assistant, P.O. Box 664, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Sept. 2nd which will be published on Sept. 9th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

ARE YOU A PARENT OR A GRANDPARENT OF A CHILD WHO WILL BE RECEIVING A TRUST FUND IN THE FUTURE?

CTF Task Force

Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment Committee

The Ho-Chunk Nation is currently recruiting individuals interested in serving on the Trust and Investment Committee. To be eligible for appointment or election, Committee Members shall be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and have one or more of the following qualifications.

- Certified Public Accountant or Charter Financial Analyst
- An associates or, preferably, a bachelors degree in accounting, business or finance
- Financial professional certification
- At least five years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another’s behalf

If you or another you know are interested and feel you are a good match for our current needs, please submit a letter of interest and extended resume to:

Ho-Chunk Nation  
CTF Task Force  
c/o Tari Pettibone  
PO Box 667  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST & DEDICATION TO THE HO-CHUNK NATION!

YOUR EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION WILL HELP PROTECT THE ASSETS OF OUR MINOR CHILDREN!

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# Louella's Story

## Runners against drunk driving

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

Throughout the Family Wellness Retreat held August 10-12, many sessions were held for youth ages 8-12, 13-17, and adult sessions for ages 18 plus; to learn about money management, healthy lifestyles, prescription drug abuse, protective parenting, and Louella's story, along with the Adult Game of Life.

On August 12, Lani Blackdeer spoke to an estimated 45 youth about the consequences of drinking and driving; focusing on her daughter Louella, who was killed in a car accident by a drunk driver in 2000.

After several questions to the youth regarding alcohol, surprisingly they all had some input, voiced their opinions and even shared a couple stories. They were not hesitant to answer questions such as if beer or wine was safer. Of course some said

beer was safer but the answer is neither. Some kids think in order to fit in they too need to drink if everyone else is drinking. "False! Stay young people!" said Blackdeer.

Stressing to remember the consequences and choices made, Blackdeer said, "Everyone can make a difference if you try." Rather than getting in a car with somebody that's been drinking, she asked the youth what can or should be done. Some of the answers were to turn-around, say no, take the keys away, or call the police.

Lani then invited RADD runner and Ho-Chunk youth, Cody Sanchez, to stand up in front of everyone and read a script that is read every Saturday during the Runners Against Drunk Driving training:

*Louella was a very determined teenager and she struggled with today's pressures and she had often*

*taken the wrong path. When Louella found running, everything in her world changed. She became a more positive person, she worked hard to do her best, she believed in herself. The 1999 Honolulu Marathon was the first of many she said. It was her moment in life; she saw what life could be if she focused herself and worked toward her goal.*

*Louella along with three school friends had attended their first prom, after a festive night of fun they were taking Louella home. During this evening, they had not been drinking alcohol or using drugs. In the early morning hours on May 7, 2000 the disease alcoholism reared its ugly head in the form of a repeat drunk driver, this disease killed Louella and her three friends. Everything Louella and her friends and their families had planned for them in life came to an abrupt*



**Motivational speaker, Lani Blackdeer talks about consequences and choices made when drinking is involved.**

*end. She could have gone to college on a scholarship, she could have made the Olympic Team, and she could have....*

*In life Louella often felt insecure and unwanted by her peers, she never had the chance to find out how wrong her thinking was. Almost the entire High School body came to her funeral.*

*We honor her memory, tell her story, run for her and continue the tradition of our team of hard work and self-sacrifice. We will finish this marathon for her and ourselves*

*We are family and we will remember our sister. We are the **HO-CHUNK YOUTH MARATHON RUNNERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING.***

In closing, Blackdeer referred back to Dr. Thundercloud's teaching of tools and said, "Here's another tool for the toolbox, to leave with better judgment."

Blackdeer also mentioned that RADD training starts the last Saturday in August at the Black River Falls Walmart parking lot and said, "It's a hard task to complete." If you are interested, call Lani Blackdeer or Erwin Begay.



**Cody Sanchez, and RADD runner, reads Louella's story in front of an estimated 45 youth.**



**Approximately 45 youth listen and answer questions about drinking and driving.**

## Law enforcement out in force

Submitted by  
Mark Gottlieb, PE - Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Drunken driving in Wisconsin is prevalent, deadly and absolutely preventable. To get drunken drivers off our roads before they kill or injure themselves or innocent victims, hundreds of law enforcement agencies from every part of the state will be out in force from Aug. 19 through Labor Day, Sept. 5, for the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign.

Drunken driving continues to be one of our state's most destructive and lethal crimes. Last year, 220 people were killed and more than 3,500 injured in nearly 5,800 alcohol-related traffic crashes. There were more than 40,000 convictions for drunken driving in Wisconsin in 2010. It's obvious that far too many people make the undeniably

dangerous and recklessly irresponsible decision to get behind the wheel while impaired.

During the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, and throughout the year, law enforcement officers will do their duty to deter drunken driving. But they also need our help. Here are some common-sense ways to combat drunken driving:

- Choose a sober designated driver before you start drinking.
- Don't let friends drive drunk.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement officers by calling 911.

With everyone's commitment, we can stop the senseless devastation caused by drunken driving and make progress toward the goal of reducing the number of preventable traffic deaths to "Zero in Wisconsin."

## Ho-Chunk Youth Marathon Runners Against Drunk Driving

### Runners get ready!

*Training starts on August 27th, 2011*

*8 a.m. **Sharp***

*Old Wal-Mart Parking Lot-Black River Falls  
for the 2011 Honolulu Marathon*



**See Erwin Begay or Lani Blackdeer to sign up...**

**Parent Involvement is mandatory!**

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N415 Clark Avenue  
Neillsville, WI 54456

Phone:  
715-299-1509 Erwin  
715-429-0629 Lani  
Email: lani.blackdeer@yahoo.com

***Please don't drink and drive***



# Ho-Chunk Summer Youth Workers 2011

By Waverly Bird, Youth Worker

## Cora Redbird



Cora Redbird will be starting school this fall as a freshman in college at UW- Green Bay. She works in the labor department at the executive building in Black River Falls. The tasks she's doing are office work, which includes managing the front desk, filing, answering phones, send/receiving faxes, and logging mail.

## Cody Winneshiek-Kish



Cody works in the Education Department at the Executive Building in Black River Falls. He also goes to the Whirling Thunder Daycare everyday to tend to the garden. His job duties involves weeding and watering all of the plants.

On Tuesday, August 23, 2011, Cody was selling cucumbers for the Whirling Thunder Ranch Organic Cooperative. He thought he sold approximately 90 dollars worth. The small cucumbers were going for 50 cents and the large cucumber were selling for 75 cents.

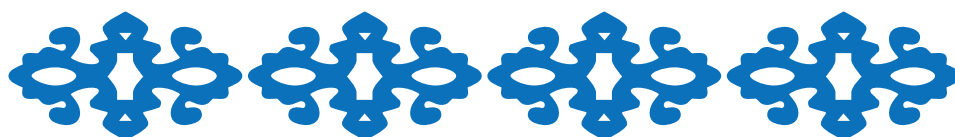
Cody will be a sophomore at the Black River Falls High School this coming fall. He also participates in basketball as an extracurricular activity.

## Manners Whiteeagle

Manny goes to school at the Middleton High School, in Madison, and is going to be a junior this coming fall. He also participates in track and field during the spring. He works at the Madison Vet Center and his job duties are to make coffee, and scan and file papers.

## Kayleen Hall

Kayleen is an upcoming sophomore this fall and goes to school at the Tomah High School. She works at the youth center and she says she "just cleans and sometimes goes with to pick up the kids."



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**Cleo Littlegeorge at (715) 284-9851 X 5315 (AFTER 10:00 AM)**

**Marilyn Yellow Bird at (715) 284-9851 ext. 5360 Ho-Chunk Health Care Center**



# Language Apprentice Meet n' Greet Potluck

Sanford LittleEagle  
Staff Writer

As I was sitting in my favorite sofa at home, a commercial came on the television and like most of you, that meant I had time to check my FB; not fry bread, but my Facebook. It said Carlyle R. Greendeer has invited you to the Language Apprentice Meet n' Greet Potluck. "We would like to invite everyone to come out and mingle with your neighbors, meet some language apprentice's, enjoy games (Moccasin & Pinaga) and good times! Please feel free to bring a dish to pass."

Being that it was a Monday, I flipped from my web browser to my calendar and saw that I was not doing a thing and my night was free. I immediately flipped back over to the invite and clicked "Yes, I will be attending."

On August 8, the Meet n' Greet was to be held outside at the Pavilion just next to the House of Wellness. It was a partly cloudy afternoon with a good chance of being Indian, but sure enough the rains came down on our Indian corn and the scheduled event. Luckily the Apprentices already were way ahead of the day and had the cafeteria as a backup plan.

As my family arrived, I heard much laughter coming from a small table of Hoocaks. I saw Kerajusepga (Eli Youngthunder) picking up a hand drum and ready to play some Moccasin Games with the kids. He was just explaining to Horakirejga (Jessi Cleveland)

& Ahusgawiga (Arlene Thunder) that he trekked all over Ho-Chunk Village to make sure everyone who was home knew the Apprentices were having a Meet & Greet.

After everyone who was able to attend made their way over, Carlyle offered a word of prayer using the sacred Ho-Chunk language. I had to think to myself "Wow," it had been some time since I myself broke bread with Bugsy aka Carlyle. I did not know that he was a Hoocak speaker. He then invited everyone up to go make a plate, there were many different things to choose from, and I was fan of the taco salad and chicken soup with dumplings. Like most Hoocak gatherings, there were lots of laughter and the sounds of plastic ware scraping the Styrofoam plates or maybe that was just from our table, but the mood was juuust right.

As the meal was winding down, one by one, the Language Apprentices stood up and introduced themselves in Hoocak. Many spoke of their children and families. It was very impressive that the Apprentices could explain everything they were saying in the Ho-Chunk language.

Wakajakiri (Shane Yellowthunder) said, "When I was a little kid I was raised far away and I saw Asian & Latino kids speaking to each other in their language. I wished I could do that. When I came home (to Wisconsin), I met Chloris Lowe Sr. and started learning and that is why I am here today."

In the Language Apprentice



Back Row (L to R): Amber Fernandez, Arlene Thunder, Shane YellowThunder, Carlyle Greendeer, Eli Youngthunder, Lisa Pesavento, Richard Mann. Front Row (L to R): Angelica Day with Hijajai, Dana DeBoer, Bonni Bird, and Jessi Cleveland.

Program, Hoocaks are employed to become Apprentices who learn the language, speaking, and writing the Hoocak Woowagax. In speaking with Wakajakiri, he said, "We wear many hats, members of my team also teach in the Wahoocegikra Immersion Daycare, grade school, all the way up to High School students."

While the Apprentices teach and learn, it was from a General Council resolution that inspired the team to reach out to the community. The idea of a potluck dinner came about and with their intent

of inviting as many tribal members as they could, they utilized the Hocak Worak, Facebook, texting, and made flyers and good old word of mouth. They pulled the dinner off on their own time, off the clock so to speak, to make themselves truly available to whomever would show up.

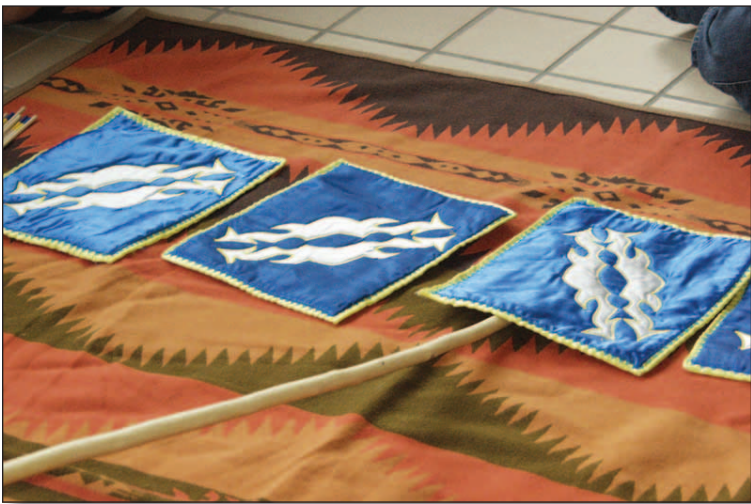
If you were unable to make it to the potluck, don't worry, they are still available to assist and spend time with you to help start speaking Hoocak. Many times as a tribal member you will notice at various tribal locations there will be a table full of language

employees gathered. What they are doing is reading, writing, learning and speaking Hoocak amongst each other.

Knowing that Wakajakiris team is out there, do not be afraid to approach them, they are there to assist you. In speaking with Xatahonu wakga (Carlyle), he said, "Someday, hopefully I'll be fluent. When I started I didn't know much, I learned a little bit each day." Many of the same sentiments were shared by all of the apprentices. "I like learning Hoocak every day," said 16 year old Summer Youth Worker Keracowiga (Amber Fernandez). She was assigned as a language apprentice for her summer job.

What was really impressive was that the core of the group was in their late twenties to mid thirties. Beginning at the age of 4 Ahupahjiga (Naomi Littlegeorge) on up to, well we won't disclose her age, WaanikRoohaMoot'ajiga (Lisa Pesavento). It demonstrates that no one is too young and that no one is too old to learn the Hoocak Hit'e (Ho-Chunk Language).

"Learning Hoocak is a learning experience every day. We try hard. We even dream in Hoocak that's how committed we are. We are all just like you," said Xatahonu wakga.



Moccasin Game at the Hoocak Language Apprentice Meet & Greet, searching for the bullet.



Moccasin Players at the Hoocak Language Apprentice Meet & Greet, strategizing where the bullet is placed.

Happy 93rd Birthday

Nina Greendeer Cleveland

Words are not enough to express the gratitude that you deserve for all that you have done for us throughout the years. We are so blessed to have you on this day.

Happy Birthday Mother, Gaga, Kunika.

Ho-Chunk Word Search (Answer from issue 15)

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# Members discover what's out there, during the BioBLitz with the HCN DNR

Submitted by  
Karen Karash – HCN DNR  
Wildlife Biologist

**Hap serec naga hahe serec waza ni ap nagre goisip hi aisja wi kje ske.** “Watching all living things all day and all night” is what participants did when they showed up to participate in the Ho-Chunk Nation DNR’s BioBlitz.

A BioBlitz is a rapid biological survey of a property in which as many species from as many taxonomic groups as possible are counted during a 24-hour period. During recent strategic planning, HCN Division of Natural Resources identified a need for gathering more baseline information on

Ho-Chunk Nation properties and develop environmental education opportunities amongst other goals. The establishment of this citizen scientist based BioBlitz program helps us reach those goals. The funding source for the BioBlitz program is the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Committee (WTCAC) Small Projects Grant. HCN DNR was awarded the grant to conduct a species composition inventory and develop a volunteer based program.

The event kicked off with a morning bird survey lead by Beaver Creek Reserve Citizen Science Director, Jeanette Kelly. Ms. Kelly equipped the participants with binoculars and led them around the property to observe birds. Participants learned skills for identifying songs and used field guides to look up birds they discovered in the field. Over the course of the 2 day survey period, 42 species of birds were observed. The afternoon session included many other nature surveys including a plant survey lead by HCN Aquatic Biologist Randy Poelma and

volunteer Kjetil Garvin, an insect survey lead by HCN DNR Manager Sara Schmidt, a mammal survey lead by Wisconsin DNR Wildlife Biologist Michele Windsor, and a reptile/amphibian survey lead by HCN DNR Wildlife Biologist Karen Karash. The mammal and plant instructors guided participants through the property to a small mammal trap line and along the way they identified various trees and plants while they practiced using field guides. Ms. Sara Schmidt lead the students through grassy fields with insect sweep nets where they had an opportunity to capture insects to identify. To conclude the afternoon session, participants were lead to a temporary waterhole and encouraged to capture frogs. Wildlife Biologist, Karen Karash, instructed the students on how to handle the frogs and guided them through using a field guide to identify the frog.

The BioBlitz concluded with a night time hike. Instructors outfitted participants with flashlights and guided them through the property as they surveyed nocturnal mammals and insects. Students walked the trails with a device designed to record the echolocation calls of a bat. As the device signaled that bats were nearby, the children would gasp and heads would turn towards the sky in hopes of seeing one swoop past. The “AnaBat” device detected four bat species! Next, the students visited the insect station and crowded around a white sheet that was hanging from trees and illuminated by a black light to see night time insects as the instructor taught them insect names. The group then moved down the trail to an open field where the instructor shared information about wolf behavior and the benefits of monitoring wolves. The group then howled into the night as if to ask, “are there any wolves out there”? The group did not hear a response, but their spirits did not fade as they returned home from a full day of “watching all living things all day and all night”.



**Instructor Karen Karash holds a frog while Calista Stumblingbear works to identify it.**



**Erin Stumbling Bear using the Ana-Bat device to record echolocation calls of bats.**



**Insect instructor Sara Schmidt identifies an insect that students captured.**

“BioBlitz is a valuable tool, not just for the species composition data collected on the properties, but for the value of presenting such a unique education opportunity. We really did not know what to expect for participation levels, it’s a hot time of year and many families are busy with summer vacations. We’re happy with the outcome. Based on the testimony of the individuals that participated, we mark it down as a complete success. We are anxious to expand on the program, increase participation levels, and try it all over again,” said BioBlitz Project Coordinator, Karen Karash. “A few days following the BioBlitz events, I returned to my desk to find three hand-written thank you letters from young BioBlitz participants. I was excited! I realized that this was going to be something that they would remember and talk about for a long time. We were successful in getting them excited to learn about their natural resources. We ignited that ‘sense of wonder’.”

The following captions

were taken from thank you letters written from young BioBlitz participants:

“Thank you for the funnest time, I had. My favorite part was the night survey when we did the wolf howling. I also learned about some trees and bugs, mammals and reptiles. My other favorite part was touching the frogs...I wish I could go again next year.”

“My favorite part was the night segment...I also learned a new (Ho-Chunk) word, wakidi, means bug...”

“...thank you for all of the fun. And for teaching me so many things...Everything you taught us was very interesting...I had fun, see you at the next one!”

Thank you to all the team leaders and other individuals for your hard-work and dedication to making this a successful event!

If you are interested in participating in a BioBlitz event or other DNR outreach programs, please contact the DNR office at 715.284.2852 to be added to a mailing list.



## Veterans Healthy Living Fair

Thursday October 6th Noon to 8:00 p.m.

And

Saturday October 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: V.A. gym; Building 15 on 4th Street of the V.A. campus

There will be booths related to many services offered at the V.A.; many educational booths and a vast array of people to assist you with health questions, concerns and information to promote health and wellness. Flu vaccines will be provided to Veterans attending. Some areas that will be at the Fair are pharmacy, advanced directive information, home care services available, Women’s health, tobacco cessation, exercise information, My Healthe Vet info and sign up, weight loss, homelessness information, VA Police with safety materials including gun locks, mental health services information and much more. We will have door prizes and refreshments.

For more information contact

Darci Kolb, MSN, FNP-BC; Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program Manager; Tomah V.A.

608-372-3971 extension 64097 or 1-800-872-8662 extension 64097



# Executive Director of Housing Confirmed

## MYRA JO PRICE

Confirmations submitted by  
Katie A.Funmaker  
Public Relations Specialist

**Ho-Chunk Name:** Taa’e maaniwiga  
**Job Title:** Interim Acting Executive Director of Housing  
**Department Goals and Objectives:** To provide, obtain, and maintain affordable and safe housing for our tribal members. We will find resources and make them available to our tribal members in hopes of increasing Home Ownership. We will also provide our tribal members information on the programs that are available through the Department of Housing. We will attempt to find outside resources that would assist us in meeting these Goals and Objectives.  
**Reason you pursued higher education:** I wished to eventually attend a Higher Education institution in the Accounting Field, due to having to provide a home and raising a family, I wasn’t able to venture into this area yet. I have received my Certification from the Center for Housing Management to hold the position of an Executive Director of Public Housing

and Indian Housing Authorities. Along with this I have attended numerous training sessions in the area of Housing Management.  
**Past Accomplishments:** I graduated from High School, I went into the U.S. Army, obtained training as an Administrative Specialist, I also went to Airborne Jump School in which I completed. My husband and I of 32 years of marriage have raised 4 children. I began working for the Housing Authority with a staff of 4, I oversaw the growth and development staff and programs of which is now Ho-Chunk housing & Community Development Agency. I was the Executive Director of Ho-Chunk Housing for 15 years, during this time period I was selected to be on an initial committee that reviewed and made recommendations that changed the Federal Regulations which is now the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). During my tenure as the Executive Director of Ho-Chunk Housing, I admin-

istered the development of almost 100 housing units, the Drug Elimination Program, Youth Sports Programs, Tenant Opportunities Program, Emergency Shelter, Indian HOME Program, Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency Program, this includes the creation and incorporation of Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency as a 501c(3) nonprofit, which is one of the first Native housing 501c(3)s in the country.  
**How are you going to help Ho-Chunk members grow & develop their job skills?** Seek and provide training that would enhance their daily life skills, that in turn, I believe would make them more comfortable and would enjoy wanting to come to work, knowing they may have challenges and that there is a resolution to resolving these challenges.  
**How will you help Legislators with district concerns?** Our Legislature is the Policy Making Branch of Government of Ho-Chunk Nation. Housing is a Department of the Executive Branch, I

believe it is our responsibility to address the District concerns as our tribal members are who we are to provide a service for. I will address all concerns in a timely manner with proper documentation, this will be performed through proper procedures that are established through Ho-Chunk Nation Codes, Ordinances, Resolutions, Statutes and Procedures. In addressing District concerns in a timely manner, Legislators can then focus on their duties and responsibilities and not have to spend so much time on concerns that should and will be addressed by the Executive Branch of Government.  
**How do you feel you can make the Ho-Chunk Nation stronger in this position?** I truly believe that I have the sincere desire to help improve the daily lives of our tribal members, I have a purpose in life and that is to serve the people. I have been in the Housing field for approximately 23 years, I have obtained training that helped me understand how to address and provide a great quality



Myra Jo Price

of service. I believe that if we, (Legislature, Executive, Judicial) branches of Government educate and understand each other, learn and know our Codes, Ordinances, Laws, Statutes, and Procedures, we can provide an excellent quality of service(s) to our tribal membership. I personally will make a conscientious effort to learn, ask, share and provide the best quality of service in providing, obtaining and maintaining housing for our tribal members and the future generations of our Great Ho-Chunk Nation.

# Executive Director of Administration Confirmed

## LYNETTE LEGARDE



Lynette LeGarde

**Ho-Chunk Name:** Si cuk ui ga  
**Job Title:** Interim Executive Director of Administration  
**Department Goals and Objectives:** Create a department that is efficient and cost effective than it has been in the past. By improving and updating the facilities, not

only transportation, but technology as well, the Ho-Chunk Nation can become a more efficient vessel. There have been energy audits completed on 30 Ho-Chunk buildings and the results of those audits suggested using greener and more cost effective technologies. The improvements would not only reduce the cost overtime but it would be great for the planet. Communication is something I would also like to improve. With my degree in Mass Communications I can utilize those skills to improve the level in which the Ho-Chunk Nation government and its members connect.  
**Reason you pursued Higher Education:** I pursued higher education because I wanted to learn and in turn, get a good job along the way.

The idea of being a writer/editor, cinematographer and finally deciding on working in the Public Relations field, I invested in my education to have a better future. I went to school to learn, to learn about myself and to learn about the world and all that issues that it encompasses.  
**Past accomplishments:** One big accomplishment has been establishing the Defensive Driving Program for Ho-Chunk Nation employees. It’s a program that teaches collision avoidance, hazard recognition, and better driving techniques. And as an added benefit, if you were to take this course, your personal insurance company might offer you a discount. Although it hasn’t been utilized as much as it should be, my hope is one day it will be a require-

ment for all employees who use fleet vehicles.  
I’m also proud of the Division of Transportation Quarterly Newsletter that I created. This newsletter brought automobile and fleet information to fleet drivers. People were able to read it online and would occasionally stop by to see if a new one was available.  
**How are you going to help Ho-Chunk members grow & develop their job skills?** I want to be the best supervisor that I can be for them. I think it all depends on a chance. To give them a chance is the first step at being successful. It is also important to develop their skill with training. If you can make the tools readily available, people will find what they need to be successful. A job can give a person

the chance to flourish into a great employee and develop their job skill along the way.  
**How do you feel you can make the Ho-Chunk Nation stronger in this position?** I think that the Executive Director of Administration plays a vital role in the Ho-Chunk Nation government, a role that will require all of my experience, education and resources. I have built a solid foundation with Departments within the Nation while working in the Transportation Division. I will strive to continue building on those relationships but on an entirely different level. By creating a working environment that is receptive and open to new ideas and practices, we will make the Ho-Chunk Nation a more effective and efficient government.

# Executive Director of Personnel Confirmed

## ERICKA CLOUD

**Ho-Chunk Name:** Gisgai-ga – Brightening in the Sky  
**Job Title:** Interim Executive Director of Personnel  
**Department Goals and Objectives:** Review and revise the Employee Relations Act of 2004, build and maintain statistical information regarding the Ho-Chunk Preference status, build and maintain relationships with fellow executive directors to become collectively proactive rather than reactive and address issues in a timely manner.  
**Reason you pursued Higher Education:** My parents were excellent role models towards obtaining a

higher education, I want to be that same role model for my children and the children in my community; without a higher education in today’s society one’s opportunities are limited. I want to show my children that anything is possible if you are willing to put forth the effort.  
**Past accomplishments:** I passed the test to be a certified commissioning Process Provider in 2001. I was able to provide the lead project manager information for \$1 M plus in projects. As the Purchasing Manager at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekossa I was only able to verify \$410,000. The Commissioning Process

is similar to project management certification in the construction field for green projects, I was the co-project manager for the Banquet hall addition for Nekoosa gaming facility.  
**How are you going to help Ho-Chunk members grow & develop their job skills?** Absolutely! My vision is to work collaboratively with fellow executive directors to build and maintain a job skills bank for all programs and departments to utilize and create a more efficient hiring process for both tribal members and non-members alike. I would like to see a rubric to allow for experience and

education equivalencies that are currently hindering tribal members without documented education. I would also like to see a team effort to utilize training dollars earlier in an employee’s term along with documented follow up; this may include training needs analysis, observation reports, and perhaps a pay-back system in the event the employee leave the Nation prior to the agreed upon time frames.  
**How will you help Legislators with district concerns?** Open and clear communication, along with prompt responses to the Legislature in general. I am willing to assist anyone with anything if



Ericka Cloud

we have a clear objective to achieve.  
**How do you feel you can make the Ho-Chunk Nation stronger in this position?** With consistent policies and revisions to the ERA as necessary, we can become more efficient and progressive.



# Executive Director of Justice Confirmed

## SHEILA CORBINE

**Job Title:** Attorney General  
**Department Goals and Objectives:** The main goal of the Department of Justice is to assist the other Departments in meeting their goals and objectives. The DOJ is really a provider of services to the other Executive Branch Departments and occasionally the Legislature. However, the DOJ strives to protect the Nation’s legal interests and the collective rights and interests oh Ho-Chunk members.

**Reason you pursued Higher Education:** I have always enjoyed learning and I don’t remember ever wondering whether I was going to go to college or not...it was never a question in my mind. I still have a drive to know as much as possible (although mathematics has proven somewhat problematic). I was the first in my family to get a college degree and am proud of that and I am proud that my family was always very encouraging about my educational goals. I grew up at a resort partially owned by a wealthy lawyer. I always admired his drive and work ethic and decided in high school that I was going to be a lawyer and that I would try to use my education to help people while also having job skills that would always ensure that I would be able to take care of myself financially. I also wanted to be able to take care of my parents someday should they need me to and I needed to have the means to do that. I never wanted to be considered helpless or dependent on others for my existence and I knew an education was necessary to accomplish those goals. Law school was a natural extension from college and it gave me the opportunity to continue to learn as does the continual practice of law.

I figure if you like to learn and you have a job where you can learn something everyday then for the most part you will enjoy your life and what you do. I consider it an added benefit that Native people can benefit from something that I truly enjoy doing anyway... learning.

**Past accomplishments:** Since my resume does not mention specific events during my career I will discuss what I consider a pretty major accomplishment while working with the Ho-Chunk Nation. I was initially hired under an Indian Child Welfare grant to help work with the Indian Child Welfare Department and the newly formed Ho-Chunk tribal court. Prior to the formation of the tribal court all child protection actions were heard in the Menominee tribal court. On one of my first days working with the Nation I was given a box of about 100 child welfare files. I met with the Judge as to how to proceed and basically between me, the few ICW workers and the judge, developed the procedure for doing child welfare cases in the brand new Ho-Chunk court system. Obviously this system has morphed and improved over time as well. I was required to file approximately a hundred new and updated petitions so that the files eventually would get put on the court docket and addressed on a regular basis. At first we used a hybrid of the state child protection laws to use in the tribal court and eventually we got the earliest version of the Children and Family Protection Code passed. Further, since there was a full time attorney finally dedicated almost entirely to child welfare the Nation started asserting a much more strong presence

in state Indian Child Welfare hearings. I worked very hard to education state court judges and although there is still work to be done the state court understanding of ICWA has increased dramatically since I first started doing this work back in 1995-96. Through constant vigilance on the part of the DOJ attorneys that now do ICWA work and child protection work, the Ho-Chunk Nation has one of the strongest Child Protection and Indian Child Welfare programs in the entire country (it may even be the strongest). I feel proud that for the first five or six years that I worked for the Nation my goal was the protection of the Nation’s children and further to protect them from being lost from their culture and that from the humble beginnings of the ICW program it has been built into what it is today.

**How are you going to help Ho-Chunk members grow & develop their job skills?** As an attorney in the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice and as the Attorney General for 7 of those years I have always tried to hire Ho-Chunk tribal members within the DOJ. All but one of the attorneys are native and two of them are Ho-Chunk tribal members. Many of the staff members are also Ho-Chunk tribal members as well. If the funding is available I like to have one or two diligent youth workers in DOJ for the summer. Most of the people in the DOJ are dedicated to assisting the Ho-Chunk Nation, generally through our work with other departments, to make sure that there are programs and assistance available to help tribal members who want the help.

**How will you help Legislators with district con-**

**cerns?** I have always helped Legislators with their district concerns in any way that I can. Occasionally there is nothing that can be done to help somebody with a particular problem, but most of the time there is usually some way to help out a tribal member even a little bit. In the past, I have worked with tribal members to file paperwork or get attorneys or lay advocates for personal legal problems. I have occasionally gone to other departments to see if something can be done to help somebody. I have made phone calls and sent letters to state, local and federal officials if I thought it would help. If there is a request that is within the realm of possibility to help with, I will try to do it or find somebody who can. Clearly there are issues that impede some requests such as: the Nation’s laws don’t allow something, no program exists or there is a conflict of interest...but these are not usually a problem. If the request involves divulging confidential information, that can be a problem too. Although not everybody is going to go away happy after they ask for a request, some will and some will usually have gotten some form of assistance or instructions as to where to go for assistance should they decide to pursue it.

**How do you feel you can make the Ho-Chunk Nation stronger in this position?** I feel that there are always opportunities to make the Ho-Chunk Nation stronger by encouraging exercises of sovereignty. This past year, the Ho-Chunk Nation, through a lot of work in the Department of Justice, established a Police Department. Having a police department to enforce law and



Sheila Corbine

order on the Nation’s lands is a big exercise of sovereignty. Further, in this position I approached the Town of Brockway to work with them so that they understood the Nation’s sovereignty better and that they did not have jurisdiction to be citing tribal members on trust lands. As the Attorney General, I will continue to strive to have the Nation exercise sovereign rights. Implementation of the tax code is another huge attribute of a sovereign nation and the Ho-Chunk Nation has taken those steps just recently. It is thrilling to see. Furthermore, as the Attorney General, I can continue to instill in the staff that work here that our goals in our work benefit the Ho-Chunk Nation government, the Ho-Chunk people and exercise as many sovereign rights as possible so that we don’t lose them.

Executive Director of Health Confirmed

Alec Thundercloud

# Prescription drug abuse

Sanford LittleEagle  
Staff Writer

Dorothy Chaney, a Program Manager from Marshfield Clinic of Marshfield, WI presented alarming information for those in attendance at the Wellness Retreat held August 10-12. Dorothy announced that the CDC (Center for Disease Control) has classified Prescription Drug Abuse, an Epidemic in 2011.

The CDC declared war on prescription drug abuse by providing education about

safety of prescriptions with monitoring and regulation aimed at the way medicines are prescribed by physicians and the pharmacies that dispense the prescriptions.

However, a lot of the drug abuse happens right at home, from our own medicine cabinet. While the trend is hitting America, it is plaguing Indian Country. With statistics gathered by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration), illustration shows American Indian

or Alaskan Natives are statistically and unfortunately leading the populace in prescription drug abuse.

One factor that leads to the trend in Native America is poverty. The average street cost of one Oxycodone is \$1 per milligram which is a lot cheaper than other drugs for many. The more quantity in the prescription strength often doubles the price.

Another factor being determined is Elder Abuse in the form of stealing pain medications from seniors. Vicodin or Hydrocodone as it is commonly known are some of the readily available prescription pain pills that

are big business on the street, and may very well be in your medicine cabinet or grandmothers pill dispenser right along where she keeps her blood pressure or daily vitamins.

There are three classes of prescription drugs, being widely targeted:

- Benzodiazepines or “Benzos”- Valium, Klonopin, Lorazepam, Ativan, Halcion, Librium, Valium, Xanax;
- Opiates – Morphine, Codeine, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Tylox, OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet, Demerol, hydrochloride, Dilaudid, Vicodin, Lortab, Lorcet;

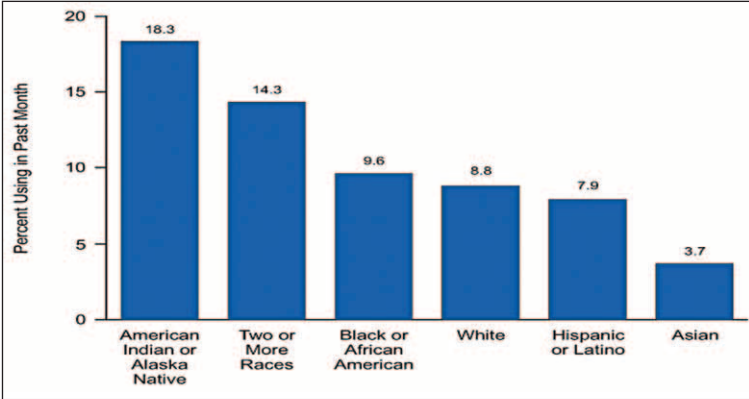
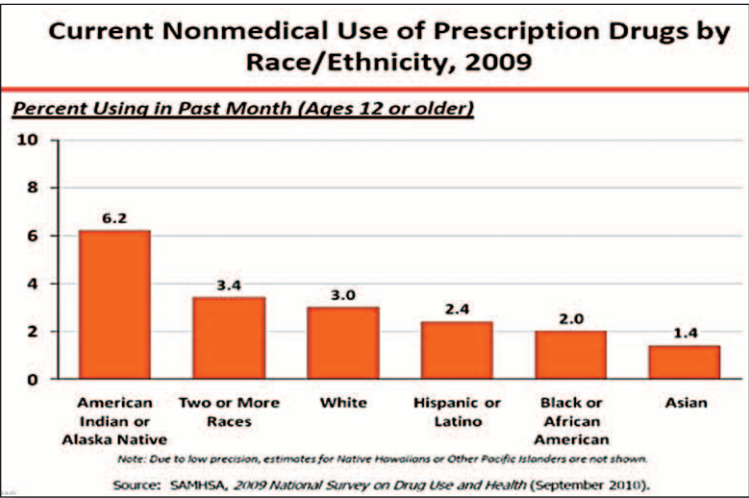
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- Stimulants – Aderall, Ritalin, Desoxyn, Biphedamine, Dexedrine, Hydrochloride (cocaine), While Ecstasy (MDMA), Amphetamines, and Cocaine which are also stimulants, are not commonly available in a household prescription, they are out there.

In Wisconsin, on the Lac Du Flambeau reservation, Dorothy stated that there have been four confirmed fatal overdoses as a result in prescription drug abuse. The reality is much closer to home than we thought.

While many gateway experiences occur with pre-teens and teens stealing a beer or smoking marijuana, statistics, surveys, and AODA Counselors have stated while the Epidemic of prescription drug abuse is on the rise, many are starting out by experimenting with pills.

“Prescription Drug abuse is serious and the perception of risk” is what is intriguing said Chaney for more information go to: [http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/prescr\\_drg\\_abuse.html](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/prescr_drg_abuse.html)

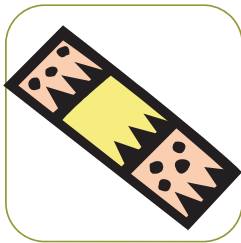


Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration 2009 & 2010 showing that Native Americans are leading in amount of prescription drug usage/abuse.





# Back to School Immunization Clinic & Meal



Date: **09/07/2011**  
Time: **5pm-7pm**

A meal will be served, along with good educational information!

Ho-Chunk Community Health Nursing together with Jackson County Health Department will be holding an immunization clinic. To update your: infants, toddlers, and school aged kids. (2mo– 18 y/o)

If you think your child may need shots; call Kelli Engen, RN at Ho-Chunk 715.284.9851 EXT 5309 or Jackson Co. 715.284.4301 EXT 375 or 385

**WHERE: American Legion Post 129.  
Andrew Blackhawk  
W9802 Airport Rd, BRF WI**

## Education Department Youth Enrichment Division

Greetings! We would like to wish all our returning students the best of luck this school year and we hope you can accomplish the goals you set for yourself this year!

There have been some revisions in the Pre K-12 Grant Program, so read and follow the guidelines carefully for fastest processing.

Also, we are fortunate to have 4 (four) new staff added to our program. This will help our program to better serve our students in both our Pre K-12 Grant & Johnson O'Malley Grant Programs.

Please remember that the Pre K-12 Grant Program is for enrolled Ho-Chunk student's ages 3-18 years old. Remember that this program is first come, first serve program and each child is eligible for \$2500 per year, depending if we have the funding. If you have any questions regarding the program please feel free to contact us at the Executive Office at 800-362-4476 OR 715-284-4915 and ask for the Youth Enrichment Division.

Our staff and extensions follows:

Chavo Stumblingbear-Youth Enrichment Program Specialist Ext. **1134**  
Mary Ann Dick-Youth Enrichment Program Specialist Ext. **1157**  
Melissa Lowe-Youth Enrichment Program Specialist Ext. **1177**  
Jackie Rave-Youth Enrichment Program Specialist Ext. **1149**  
Nyree Kedrowski-Youth Enrichment Division Manager Ext. **1188**

## HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 4:00 P.M.

HO-CHUNK CASINO, HOTEL, & CONVENTION CENTER  
UPPER DELLS BOARDROOM  
S3214 HIGHWAY 12  
BARABOO, WISCONSIN

**Education Department Board of Directors meetings are  
subject to the Open Meetings Act  
Public is Welcome**

## Education Board of Directors Vacancy for District II

Directors shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert advice and recommendations to the Executive Director. The term of office is two years.

If interested, please forward a copy of your resume/vitae to Michelle Cloud at the Education Department. Her email is Michelle.Cloud@ho-chunk.com and can be reached at 715-284-4915.

## Welcome Students to another new year of college!

First we would like to let you all know that Higher Education Division is here to help you as best as we can. We will be getting additional Financial Aid Specialists and have a new position of Academic Advisor on staff to help with your academic planning for degree completion.

**This is for 2012-2013 School Year**

The priority filing date for submitting a Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application is May 1<sup>st</sup> or four months prior to any start date. The Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application is the only required document to be submitted by that date to be considered a priority application. All other required documents can be sent when available or upon request. Applications received after May 1<sup>st</sup> will be placed on a waitlist, applications received two weeks after a term has begun will no longer be considered for funding.

**If you have questions feel free to review the Higher Education Policy on line at [www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com) or send us an e-mail at [higher.education@ho-chunk.com](mailto:higher.education@ho-chunk.com).**

## Attention Parents!



If your child will need a School or Sports Physical For the 2011-2012 school year, please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center or the House of Wellness to schedule an appointment.

**Call now to secure an appointment before school resumes in the fall.**  
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center (715) 284-9851 or (888) 685-4422  
House of Wellness (608) 355-1240 or (888) 552-7889

## Open Enrollment for Ho-Chunk Nation's 6 Head Start Centers



*Contact Numbers are:*

Ahuco – Lowell 608-372-6669	WI. Dells – Elena 608-254-4227
Nekoosa – Heidi 715-886-4750	SandPillow – Caroline 715-284-3331
Hochungra – Stacy 715-284-2311	Wittenberg – Ann 715-253-3926

*Thank you,*

Stacy A. Byerlay, Hochungra Head Start  
Family/Community Partnership Coordinator



*Ho-Chunk Nation*  
**LABOR DAY POW-WOW**  
*Honoring the Workforce*

**September 3-5, 2011 Traditional Pow-Wow**



**Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds**  
**5 miles east of Black River Falls on Hwy 54**

**Public Invited**

**Free Camping**

**First come First Serve**

**Crafts and Food Vendors**

**Honoring Emergency**

**Service Workers**

**Drum Contest**

**1st Place \$5,000**

**2nd Place \$4,000**

**3rd Place \$3,000**

**4th Place \$2,000**

**5th Place \$1,000**

MC's Lance Long/Shawnee Hunt

Pow-Wow Info & Vendors contact  
 Ralph Snake 715-896-9608 Vendor  
 Fee \$150 for 3 days.

Alcohol, drugs and firearms are  
 strictly prohibited.



**Neesh-la 3 on 3**  
**Basketball Tourney**  
**Saturday, August 27, 2011**

**House of Wellness**

**Cash Prizes** S2845 White Eagle Road  
 Baraboo, WI

5 players per team maximum  
 1st - \$350 (can be co-ed, must be 18 & older)

2nd - \$250 \$20 per player

3rd - \$150 T-shirts to first 75 registrants

**Open to the public - All teams invited to enter - Tournament starts at 9 AM**

For information contact

Scott Gilbeck at 888-552-7889 or 608-355-5155 ext. 5506

Registration  
 ends Saturday  
 August 27th  
 @ 8:30 AM  
 First game @ 9:00 AM

**Ho-Chunk Nation's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual All  
 Nations Co-Ed Softball Tournament**

**Saturday & Sunday, September 3-4<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Sand Pillow Softball Fields, Black River Falls, Wisconsin**  
 (4mi East of BRF on Hwy 54, just NE of Majestic Pines)

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION**

**\*16 Team Limit \$350.00 Entry Fee**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place 4,500.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place 3,500.00**

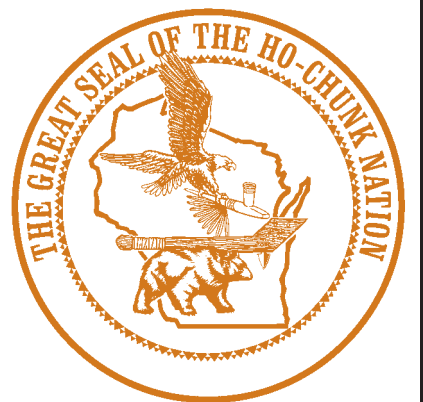
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place 2,500.00**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place 1,500.00**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Place TBD**

**Team traveling the furthest 500.00**  
**Second furthest team 250.00**

**(Absolutely NO alcohol or drugs permitted. NOT  
 responsible for injuries, lost or stolen items)**



**All entry fees must be received by August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

- Players must have Tribal I.D.s
- For rules and information call:
  - Kelley Thundercloud: 1.800.294.9343, ext 1270 or [kelly.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com](mailto:kelly.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com)
  - Lisa Flick: 715.299.5317 or [lisa.flick@ho-chunk.com](mailto:lisa.flick@ho-chunk.com)



**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES –  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
JULY 19, 2011  
10:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Jon Greendeer at 10:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**  
President Jon Greendeer(P)  
Vice President Greg Blackdeer(EX)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Susan Weber(P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer(EX)  
Rep. John Holst(10:10 a.m.)  
Rep. Hope Smith(P)  
Rep. Elena Terry(P)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit(P)  
**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established.

**OPENING PRAYER:** The opening prayer was offered by Rep. Patrick RedEagle.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the agenda with the addition of moving the Separation of General Council Agency and Constitution Reform Committee after approval of meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
*Rep. John Holst arrives at 10:10 a.m.*

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**  
**Legislative Meeting Minutes - July 5, 2011**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the Legislative meeting minutes of July 5, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Legislative Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2011**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the Legislative meeting minutes of July 7, 2011 with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Separation of General Council Agency & Constitution Reform Committee – Rep. Estebo**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer the Task-Force and Subcommittees to Administration Committee. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. 10-1(Rep. Smith)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Agenda Amendment**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to address the K-12 Program next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Pre K 12 Program**  
Tribal Member Shawnee Hunt, was concerned about the reimbursement which has been reserved, the program doesn’t accept progress reports. Pre-school where not being funded they need a letter of recommendation from the state requesting to reinstate, there are concerns about funding and inappropriated to funds. This situation has been going on three (3) months with the changes and undue hardship to families. The program will have to go back to when the appropriation was passed, the prior budget President Greendeer needs to go back to when the funds were appropriated. Recommendations that a study be done to understand the childcare needs to build more appropriate with the pre K-12 guidelines.  
**Resolution – Appointment of Justice Pro Tempore for Supreme Court Case SU11-04**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest

Whiterabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 A - Appointment of Justice Pro Tempore for Supreme Court Case SU11-04 with the addition with adding Joan Greendeer-Lee. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution – Restatement of Resolution 8-31-10C Regarding Legislative Task Force Focusing on the Ho-Chunk Nation Minor’s Trust and Adult Incompetents’ Accounts**  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 B – Restatement of Resolution 8-31-10C Regarding Legislative Task Force Focusing on the Ho-Chunk Nation Minor’s Trust and Adult Incompetents’ Accounts. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Agenda Amendment**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn address item E. Adoption of the BIA Resolution Granting a Construction Easement for Roads Construction on HC RV Park. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution – Adoption of the BIA Resolution Granting a Construction Easement for Roads Construction on HC RV Park**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 C -Adoption of the BIA Resolution Granting a Construction Easement for Roads Construction on HC RV Park. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Wisconsin Special Committee on State – Tribal Relations Appointment**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to nominate Elena Terry to the seat of Wisconsin Special Committee on State. Second by Rep. John Holst. 4-3(Reps. TwoBears, Weber, & Whiterabbit)-4(Reps. Greengrass, Smith, Terry & Littlejohn) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recess for Lunch**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:23 p.m.*

**CALL BACK TO ORDER:** The meeting was called back to order by President Jon Greendeer at 1:28 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**  
President Jon Greendeer(P)  
Vice President Greg Blackdeer (EX)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (1:33 p.m.)

Rep. Susan Weber(P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer(1:45 p.m.)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith(P)  
Rep. Elena Terry(1:37 p.m.)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit(P)  
**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established

*Rep. Doug Greengrass arrives at 1:33 p.m.*  
*Rep. Elena Terry arrives at 1:36 p.m.*

**Dane County Appointment**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to nominate Rep. John Holst and Rep. Andrea Estebo to the Dane County Appointment. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-2(Reps. Estebo & Holst) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
*Rep. James Greendeer arrives at 1:45 p.m.*  
**Resolution- Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Appointment Ho-Chunk Nation Delegate to the Joint Planning Committee with the City of Madison**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 D - Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Appointment Ho-Chunk Nation Delegate to the Joint Planning Committee with the City of Madison. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 9-0-3(Reps. Terry, Holst & Estebo) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Nomination of Executive Directors**  
**Department of Administration**  
**Resolution – Ho-Chunk Nation Acceptance of Application of Lynette Legarde to be Interim Director of Department of Administration**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 E Ho-Chunk Nation Acceptance of Application of Lynette Legarde to be Interim Director of Department of Administration. Second by Rep. John Holst. *Rep. Estebo rescinds her motion.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 E Ho-Chunk Nation Acceptance of Application of Lynette Legarde to be Interim Director of Department of Administration. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-1(Rep. Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Department of Education**  
**Resolution – Acceptance of Application of Adrienne Thunder to be Interim Director of the Department of Education**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 F Acceptance of Application of Adrienne Thunder to be Interim Director of the Department of Education. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-1(Rep. Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department of Health**  
**Resolution – Acceptance of Application of Alec Thundercloud to be Interim Director of the Department of Health**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 G Acceptance of Application of Alec Thundercloud to be Interim Director of the Department of Health. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. 10-0-1(Rep. Estebo) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department of Heritage**  
**Preservation**  
**Resolution – Acceptance of Application of Robert Mann to be Interim Director of the Department of Heritage Preservation**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 H Acceptance of Application of Robert Mann to be Interim Director of the Department of Heritage Preservation. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-1(Rep. Smith)-2(Reps. Greendeer & Terry) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department of Housing**  
**Resolution – Acceptance of Application of Myra Jo Price to be Interim Director of the Department of Housing**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 I - Acceptance of Application of Myra Jo Price to be Interim Director of the Department of Housing. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-1(Rep. Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Department of Justice**  
**Resolution – Acceptance of Application of Shelia Corbine to be Interim Attorney General of the Ho-Chunk Nation**  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 J Acceptance of Application of Shelia Corbine to be Interim

Attorney General of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department of Labor**  
**Resolution – Acceptance of Application of Crystal Young to be Interim Director of the Department of Labor**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 K Acceptance of Application of Crystal Young to be Interim Director of the Department of Labor. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department of Personnel**  
**Resolution - Acceptance of Application of Ericka Cloud to be Interim Director of the Department of Personnel**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 L- Acceptance of Application of Ericka Cloud to be Interim Director of the Department of Personnel. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department of Social Services**  
**Resolution – Acceptance of Application of Elizabeth Haller to be Interim Director of the Department of Social Services**  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 M - Acceptance of Application of Elizabeth Haller to be Interim Director of the Department of Social Services. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department of Treasury**  
**Resolution – Acceptance of Application of Kathryn Young to be Interim Director of the Department of Treasury**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 N- Acceptance of Application of Kathryn Young to be Interim Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 7-5(Reps. Greengrass, Greendeer, Holst, Littlejohn & Smith)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department of Business**  
**Resolution – Acceptance of Application of James Webster to be Interim Director of Department of Business**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 O -Acceptance of Application of James Webster to be Interim Director of Department of Business. Second by Rep. Robert Twobears. 9-1(Rep. Holst)-2(Reps. Estebo & Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Agenda Addition**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to add the Ho-Chunk Legislature Signature Authority Change. Second by Rep. John Holst. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Resolution – Ho-Chunk Signature Authority Change**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 07-19-11 P - Ho-Chunk Signature Authority Change. Second by Rep. John Holst. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District Concerns:**  
**District 1:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to refer the District 1 meeting minute motion to have IRB members attend the next meeting to explain the Institutional Research Board to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to refer the District 1 meeting minute motion to address hairnet issue at snack bar and buffet to the office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 12-0-0 **MOTION**

**CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to refer the District 1 meeting minute motion to support the HC United Church of Christ in their quest to repair of the basement with a donation of \$6,000 to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to refer the request for an ATM in the Tribal Office Building to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**District 2:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2 La Crosse area meeting minute motion that TERO be a part of all contract negotiations during the contractor selection process to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
*Rep. Elena Terry was out of the room.*

**FYI:** That Tracy Littlejohn look into the process of fractioned land interest issue.

**FYI:** To have the Adult Incompetence Trust Funds as a priority and wants a report on the status of this priority at the next meeting.

**For the Record:** To nominate Gladys Morgan for the District 2 vacancy on the Tribal Enrollment Committee

**For the Record:** that our representatives not vote for James Webster as the Executive Director of Business  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to recommend to the Office of the President to have a one percent (1%) increase to all gaming and non-gaming employees, with the exception of De Joep as their increase is already in the fiscal year budget, for accost of living to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 10-0-1(Rep. Terry) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to refer to the Business Department to add Customer Service Department to gaming enterprises to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to refer to the Office of the President that Housing repair pot holes in the driveway and parking lot at the Vagabond Property. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to refer to the Office of the President that Housing install laundry machines at each storage area to use by all renters at the Vagabond Property, and have all individualized mailboxes. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Madison meeting minute motion to have a review of committees/boards and have representatives from each area to the Administration Committee. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Shelby Visintin was out of the room.*

**FYI:** To nominate Wilma Thompson for the Tribal Enrollment Committee  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo that since Pre K-12 program changed after budget appropriation that the action of the Office of the President changing the Pre K-12 program be rescinded and have the Pre K-12 program and guidelines be



reinstated exactly the way it was prior to these changes. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Shelby Visintin was out of the room.* **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Madison meeting minute motion to have Legislature look at funding an Elderly Feeding Site or have a voucher type program at De Jope for Elder fifty-five (55) years and older from Madison and Milwaukee to receive one meal per day to the Finance Committee and Office of the President. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-1(Rep. Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.** **District 3:** **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to appoint Nettie Kingsley as the delegate and Cheryl Brinegar as the alternate for District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids Area Law Enforcement Commission. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Doug Greengrass was out of the room.* **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to request for Chakh ha chee basketball team be approved and expedited in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a basketball tournament in Miami, Florida on July 29, 2011. *Motion dies due to lack of a second.* **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that the Renegade Drum group be paid \$1,500.00, two cartons of cigarettes and four rooms for General Council 2011 to the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Doug Greengrass was out of the room.* **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature draft a code that addresses vandalism and that every county give faith and a credit to the tribal law to the Legislative Counsel. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Doug Greengrass was out of the room.* **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meting minute motion to provide water cooler for rental house (trailers and HUD homes) to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion for GCA representatives go to HCC attend the night before for the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Doug Greengrass was out of the room.* **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion for new homes to be built in place of the trailers to include full basements to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Doug Greengrass was out of the room.* **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion for sponsorship fees for the National American Miss pageant to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Doug Greengrass was out of the room.* **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion for Mariah Decorah & Cici Bigjohn to request a lot from housing Ho-Chunk Nation in Potch chee nunk to build a house to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep.*

*Doug Greengrass was out of the room.* **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to table to District 3 Wisconsin Dells meeting minute motion to appoint Carson Funmaker as the Juneau County primary delegate to the Law Enforcement and Roger Thundercloud as the alternate. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Dells meeting minute motion to have a General Council Agency satellite office at the Indian Heights location to the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to approve \$500 for roundtrip airfare for Kevin Smith to travel to San Diego, CA to Marine Corps Graduation. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 3-6(Reps. TwoBears, Weber, Estebo, Littlejohn, RedEagle & Holst)-3(Reps. Smith, Whiterabbit & Terry) **MOTION DEFEATED.** **District 4:** *For the Record:* That the President Greendeer and Ho-Chunk Legislators look at the K-12 Education Program at the next Legislative meeting on July 19, 2011. **District 5:** **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer the District 5 Minneapolis meeting minute motion to invite President Jon Greendeer to the August area meeting picnic to be held at Cherokee park in St. Paul, MN on Thursday, August 18, 2011 to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer the District 5 Chicago meeting minute motion to have the Legislature amend their Legislative Organization Act to allow the presiding officer and second presiding officer the right to debate and vote to the Legislative Counsel’s office. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **Travel Reports** No reports were submitted **Conference Approval** **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn that the Legislative Meeting be held on Monday, August 8, 2011 in Hinckley, MN. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 9-2(Reps. Terry & Visintin)-1(Rep. TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve any Legislator and Legislative Counsel to attend the Bureau of Indian Affairs First Annual Partners in Action Conference in Hinckley, MN on August 9-11, 2011. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **Executive Session** **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting goes into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.* *Rep. Greg Littlejohn is excused at 5:45 p.m.* **Open Session** **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting returns to Open Session at 6:35 p.m.* *Rep. James Greendeer was out the room.* **Ratification of Executive Session** **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. James Greendeer was out of the room* **Adjournment** **MOTION** by Rep. Doug

Greengrass to adjourn the meeting until August 8, 2011, the meeting is to be held at the Grand Casino in Hinckley, MN. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. James Greendeer was out of the room* *The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.* Respectfully Submitted, Hope B. Smith Tribal Secretary Darcy Funmaker Recording Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SPORTS AND EXPO  
CENTER – LYNWOOD, IL  
AUGUST 3, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President, Jon Greendeer at 9:05 a.m. **ROLL CALL:** President Jon Greendeer(P) Vice President Greg Blackdeer (P) Rep. Douglas Greengrass (9:19 a.m.) Rep. Susan Weber(P)

Rep. Andrea Estebo(9:09 a.m.) Rep. James Greendeer(P) Rep. John Holst(EX) Rep. Hope Smith(P) Rep. Elena Terry(9:09 a.m.) Rep. Shelby Visintin(9:09 a.m.) Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P) Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P) Rep. Robert TwoBears(P) Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit(P) **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established. **OPENING PRAYER:** The opening prayer was offered by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The Special Meeting was called to discuss Executive Session.* **EXECUTIVE SESSION: MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting goes into Executive Session at 9:07 a.m.* *Rep. Andrea Estebo arrives at 9:09 a.m.* *Rep. Elena Terry arrives at 9:09 a.m.* *Rep. Shelby Visintin arrives at*

*9:09 a.m.* *Rep. Doug Greengrass arrives at 9:19 a.m.* *Rep. Shelby Visintin is excused at 2:00 p.m.* *Rep. Greg Littlejohn is excused at 3:08 p.m.* *Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit is excused at 3:25 p.m.* **OPEN SESSION** **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to return to Open Session. Second by V.P. Greg Blackdeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 8-0-1(Rep. TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.** **ADJOURNMENT** **MOTION** by Rep. Elena Terry to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.* Respectfully Submitted by, Hope B. Smith Tribal Secretary Darcy Funmaker Recording Secretary


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
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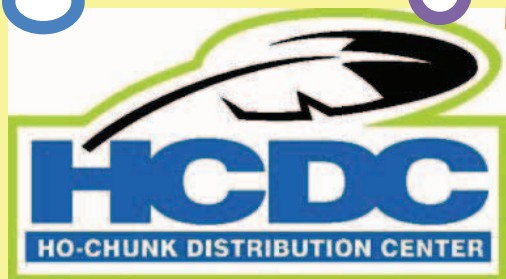
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# Ken Littlegeorge Sr. Memorial Golf Outing

Submitted by Gary Hall – HAGA member

Fifty-nine golfers and six youth turned out for the 14th Annual Ken Littlegeorge Sr. Memorial HAGA golf outing at Trempealeau Mountain Golf Course at Trempealeau, Wisconsin on Sunday, August 14, 2011.

With sunny skies and the temperature in the high seventies, the fifteen teams went head to head on the long par 71 course. After completion of the 18 hole scramble event the golfers

retreated to the clubhouse for a meal and the announcement of winners. After various flag events winners were announced and the youth acknowledged, the long awaited team placements were named. Coming in first place was the team of: Lorenzo (Perry) Funmaker, Carole Laustrup, Ken Littlegeorge Jr. and Ralph Bigsoldier with a score of 6 under. In the youth category: James Bird finished first with Isaiah Graewin finishing a close second.



**1st row (l-r): Perry Funmaker, Carole Laustrup, and Ken Littlegeorge Jr.**  
**Second row (l-r): Eli Smith, Celina Hall, James Bird, Averie Tom and Isaiah Graewin**  
**Front: Kaine Hall**

# Lil Skenandore Golf Memorial

Submitted by Gary Hall – HAGA member

On Sunday, August 7, 2011 the Lil Skenandore Memorial HAGA golf outing brought out 80 golfers and five youths. Participating in what is usually a big event on the tour hosted by her children and the Greendeer family. The Skyline Golf Course

was the venue as friends, acquaintances and Ho-Chunk Nation co-workers of Lil gathered to reminisce in her memory as she was also an avid golfer of the tour. Along with the Nation’s HAGA funding and fundraising efforts by the family, many flag and hole events were sponsored by friends and



**Youth Golf Category: (l – r) Isaiah Graewin, James Bird, Jerrick Bird, Celina Hall and Kaine Hall.**



**1st Place Adult Golf Category: (l – r) Forrest Funmaker, Lael Hall, Roman Tuler and Kim Blackdeer.**

relatives that made for a fun and competitive day of golf.

As the day started out with overcast skies and ideal temperatures in the seventies, the twenty luck of the draw teams took over the golf course for the 18 hole – best ball – scramble event.

Following a meal prepared by the Skyline Clubhouse and tallying of scores, all twenty teams were paid out and with the youth awarded medals. The overall first place team with a score of 7 under

65 were: Forrest Funmaker, Lael Hall, Roman Tuler and Kim Blackdeer. In the Youth category first place went to: Isaiah Graewin followed by James Bird, Jerrick Bird, Celina Hall and Kaine Hall.

## Thundercloud Golf Academy

This summer the Thundercloud Golf Academy had their second year of teaching the game of gold to the youth so they could enjoy it the rest of their lives. The academy, founded by Andy and Quentin Thundercloud, was to teach the youth the value of setting goals and working hard to accomplish this commitment.

The young participants in the program are: Arianna Greencrow-15, Terrance Cleveland-15, Anthony Greencrow-14

and Ramsey Awad-14. To participate, the youth were asked a series of questions of what their future plans were. They also had a “team player” Delano Cleveland.

The parents supported their children by bringing them to the golf courses on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week throughout the summer. To receive the custom fitted clubs, green fees, and other incidentals, a fund-raising raffle was held before the camp started.

September  
Elders Birthdays

A detailed illustration of a deer with large antlers, standing and facing left. It is rendered in a brown and tan color scheme.

2	Nina Cleveland	13	Bernice Humphrey		
	Betty LaMere	14	Gale White		
	Christine Steeples		Glen White		
3	Bertha Gleason	15	Roy Garvin, Jr.	22	Willard Lonetree
	Isabelle Mallory		Georgianna		Georgia Lonetree
4	Mary Jacobs		Funmaker	24	Mary Natani
5	Alvena Foss	16	Clarice Jackson	25	Mary E. Dumas
6	Janette Smoke		Cecelia Kraus		Howard Swallow
7	Bernice Blackdeer		Terry Payer		Martha Angell
	Norbert Dick	17	Lester Green	26	Lenora Smith
8	Richard		Marsha Mahoney		Jean Day
	Gonzales, Sr.		Wayne Falcon	28	Ellen Snowball
	Luther Lonetree		Josiah Thunder		Sheryl Winneshiek
9	Sonja Walker	18	Catherine Smoke		Ward
	Twila Garvin		Anita Britten		Linda McHugh
11	Celestine	19	Geraldine Mach		Anne Mallory
	Contreras		Donna Sommers	29	De Forrest (Mahlon)
	Betty Gallagher		George Stacy		Funmaker
12	Adam Hall	20	Forrest Maisells		Henry Swan
			Susan Mallory	30	Elaine Whiterabbit

★CONGRATULATIONS!★

**Bazille Owen-Reese**, participated in the Dartmouth Bound Native Fly-In Program last fall. She was accepted at all the colleges she applied to (6) and has decided to attend Dartmouth. We are extremely proud of her and all her accomplishments.  
“Papa, Tiny, Henu, Weha, Siga, and Olistar”



# Indian Ceremony in the park

Sanford LittleEagle  
Staff Writer

When I first seen the advertising banner back in mid July, I wondered what the sign actually meant that said Indian Ceremony? Could it be? Is there a new ceremonial revival? Who’s doing it? Well I posted the picture to my Facebook and sure enough a tribal member knew, who, what, where, when, and why. All I had to do was show up and enjoy the free show.

For those of you who were not aware, in the big little town of Wisconsin Dells, there was a powerhouse school for singing and dancing where many families worked, scrubbed, or sang for a summer job at the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial. The Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial was started 1929, and while those outside of day to day Ho-Chunk life, it was just a Memorial Day to Labor Day tourist attraction where they could see real live Indians dressed in full regalia, singing and dancing. For many local families it was a summer family reunion as families rejoined their families from other parts of Wisconsin as they relocated to work in the Dells area for the summer, many baking, making baskets, working on the boat tours, and at Fort Dells, but every night they came together to put on a show.



The Jingle Dress Dance



The Snake Dance

The show was a display of traditional Ho-Chunk dances, to share with the visitors who came to see the Indians. This is where the current cast of performers and dancers did their best to give new life to a new audience. So on August 14th guesstimating over 300 spectators filled Bowman Park Amphitheater in upper Wisconsin Dells. Master of Ceremonies John Cloud welcomed the spectators to a night of singing and dancing, as the Bear Heart singers sang the Grand Entry song. James Morris led the young men in as they danced their way down the hill, followed by Elena Terry and the women dancers. Traditional Mens & Womens, Grass, Jingle and Fancy, 17 dancers in all made their way into the circle. The crowd was very excited! Hundreds of people were either videoing or snapping pictures. The Mo-Town drum offered the Friendship Dance as the dancers came out in to the circle dancing to cheers and clapping of the audience. Like at pow-wows, the show paid respect to the Stars & Stripes as Bear Heart rendered the Ho-Chunk Flag Song.

They danced through each category, then danced the Green Corn, as they approached a fun part of the Show, called the Contest Dance where 3 of the boys and 3 of the ladies were given a gourd, once given the gourd by the, the dancer dances their best while shaking the gourd in time with the drum showing their stuff dancing, Traditional Dancer Bobby Morris, Grass Dancer Sedrick Hindsley, and Traditional Dancer Bryson Funmaker wowed the crowd with their awesome footwork and Bryson’s warhoop. It was the ladies turn as Bridgette Whipple-Morris’ captivated the audience with her beadwork and southern style, but it was young Traditional Jrs dancer Zoe Fess who in a new era Show dancing naturally adapted, the look on her face when the MC handed Zoe the gourd was priceless, she had watched the boys and walked out in to the circle with the gourd making its own noise as she brought it up, her moccasins hopped in to full swing as she pumped her arm down and scrubbed hard and



Alejandro Franco performing Fire Dance

gave the audience a smile that was rewarded with cheers, whistling and applause and then one the youngest dancers 4 year old Tasheena King took her turn, MC John Cloud (and Choka to Tasheena) tried to get her dance, she was very shy, she gave one jingle of her cones and she was done.

The performers gave the audience a full show, sharing in Ho-Chunk song & dance, sharing the Swan Dance, Crow Hop, Snake Dance, and the Two Step was another crowd favorite as the mayor of Wisconsin Dells Brian Landers two stepped on through the circle. Ending with the War Dance the dancers danced their exit out as many spectators stood for a last round of applause.

In addition to the pow-wow style of dance there was an awe inspiring performance of Aztec Dancers, before their show they dedicated their night’s performance to the founder and inspiration of their dance troupe the late Caulquatl “Eagle Snake” whom was their Chief. So it was an emotional performance for them as well. They performed four dances, with the most impressive of the evening the Fire Dance.

There have been a few attempts to revive the Indian Ceremonial of yesteryear, but there has been no luck in maintaining the annual summer attraction. In speaking with Wisconsin Dells Mayor Brian Landers, Mayor Landers said “I’ve been trying to get a location for a show. We need local support and support from the local tourism to make a show go for a whole summer. It’s going to take some serious support and we know it helps the relationship with the Ho-Chunk Nation. We are very motivated to see



The Advertising Banner for Indian Ceremony show at Bowman Park

it go full time.”

How this summer’s show was a success was through the hard work and efforts of Samantha Day, Mayta Montelongo, Jean Day, The City of Wisconsin Dells, and to all of the Sponsors who contributed to the Wisconsin Dells Chamber of Commerce.

# A view from the past

Waverly Bird  
Youth Worker

As a young Ho-Chunk female, I was given a task to learn about the role of a young Ho-Chunk female from ten, twenty, thirty, even fifty years ago compared to 2011.

I chose to interview Millie Decorah. When asked, what it was like growing up as a young Ho-Chunk female, she answered, “Females respected men relatives.” She also mentioned that she was not allowed to sit on her brothers’ beds. One of her main roles as a young Ho-Chunk female was to care for men and male elders; to have the utmost

respect for them.

Women folk at one time were not allowed to speak to their male in-laws and vice versa. This has changed since then. Today, everyone jokes with each other and pretty much says what they want. According to Millie, she has seen and experienced this change happen. She remembers when her family had company over the children would go into the other room or outside to play. Until age four all she spoke was Ho-Chunk until her brother came back from the service. He had asked his mother to talk only English

to her because that was the way it was going to be and he wanted to make it easy for her.

While Millie was growing up she had learned to respect all religions because it gave people the opportunity to mourn those who have passed by respecting all dominations. She said the old way was, “When you marry you have to follow your husband’s way of life, either being NAC (Native American Church) or Traditional.”

Back in the day, Millie also said all females would do house work and cook while the men of the house

would go out to hunt and do labor work to support his family. Today, both men and women take on dual positions from working, cooking, and cleaning; more of a shared role than a specific role for them.

Since then, things have changed because when Mille was growing up she lived in a two bedroom house and today, “everyone has or wants their own room,” she said. Things have changed because now-a-day’s, just because you’re an elder you demand to be respected and back in the day the elder’s would show or teach you something worthy

so the young could show their respect for their elders.

Millie said, “I think the most important thing now is education, it is the one thing that will always support your family.” All in all, it was a very good learning experience talking to one of my elders. Millie was respectful towards me which in turn made me comfortable enough to ask her questions about her youth in comparison to youth growing up today. Not to mention the funny stories she told about herself and family!

Thank you Millie, for sharing your time and stories with me.